



T-BALL

Ground Rules

League age is 4 & 5 years old as of May 1 of the current year.

GENERAL RULES

1. Rosters must be turned in once a month.
2. All players must be in MBA issued regulation uniform at all scheduled games. Uniform consists of a baseball cap, baseball jersey with number, baseball pants.
3. Manager and coaches shall wear baseball cap and shirt on the field of play. No tank tops will be allowed. Coaches are *not* allowed to wear steal cleats, but can wear rubber cleats. **NO SANDALS ALLOWED.**
4. All coaches, including practice coaches, are to have a volunteer application on file with the MBA. Only coaches and team mom are allowed in the dugout at all times.
5. All players must remain in the dugout and on the player's bench during games with the exception of those on the playing field and the on-deck batter.
6. All complaints shall be taken to the division director
7. Any team with females should have a female assistant coach or Team Mom in the dugout.
8. Both teams are responsible for setting up playing field, bases, chalk, etc. Both teams are also responsible for returning and putting away all equipment needed and used.
9. Use of cell phones and other electronic equipment are prohibited on the field or inside the dugouts.
10. No jewelry of any kind may be worn by a player on the field or in the dugout during practice or games.
11. Each team is responsible for cleaning the dugout, bleacher area, and surrounding field area after each game or practice. No glass containers are allowed on or near the playing fields.
12. Coaches shall maintain a copy of each player's medical release form in their possession at each game and practice.
13. Since this is a learning league, no score will be kept. There is no winner or loser decided.

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14. Our responsibility as managers/coaches is to teach the fundamentals of baseball and good sportsmanship in a fun and relaxed environment for all kids to enjoy.

PLAYING RULES

15. Managers shall meet prior to every game to review all ground rules.

16. Teams shall consist of up to 12 player's ages 4 and 5.

17. Games shall consist of three innings or a 1 hour and 10 minute time limit, whichever occurs first. No new inning shall start after time has expired. The game will end once the time limit is reached regardless of who is at bat or whether or not every player has had their turn at bat for that particular inning.

18. Teams can start and finish a game with 8 players. Teams will be given a 15 minute grace period to field 8 players.

19. Three (3) adult base coaches are allowed when batting. Four (4) adult coaches are allowed on the field to guide defensive players.

20. All players shall bat every inning.

21. Each batter will be given five (5) swings to successfully hit the ball. A ball failing to cross the arc is foul. If the batter does not successfully hit the ball within the five swings, they will be awarded first base.

22. Base runners are not allowed to steal or lead off bases.

23. All base runners shall be awarded one base on all overthrows

24. Each batter shall be considered "safe" and allowed to run the bases regardless of the defensive team making an "out". This rule will be in effect for the entire season.

25. Each batter shall wear a helmet when batting and when running the bases until back in the dugout.

26. All batters must wait to bat inside the dugout.

27. The last batter of each inning will run to clear the bases.

28. All players shall hit off the tee for the first half of the season. Second half will be a coach pitch. If after the 3rd pitch the ball is not put in play the batter will hit off the tee.

29. All players shall play defense every inning.

30. A regular infield must be played: P, 1B, 2B, 3B, & SS with the exception of catcher. For safety reasons, we will not use a catcher.

31. The remaining players will field a staggered shallow/deep outfield.

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32. The fielding pitcher must be within three feet of the pitching mound. Once the fielding pitcher receives the ball from his/her teammates or the ball is thrown inside the pitchers circle, the ball is considered dead and play will stop.

***NOTE: Rules not covered above will be decided by the MBA Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner, and T-Ball Director**